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WHERE AM I?

SOUR CREAM!

SOUR CREAM, HOW'D YOU GET HERE?!

I WAS MAKING SWEET BEATS WITH THE BAND, BUT THEN I SAW A GOLDEN LIGHT AND...I THOUGHT I'D, LIKE, REACHED NIRVANA.

INSTEAD, I JUST WOKE UP ON A BUNCH OF ROCKS WITH NO CELL SERVICE.

LET'S CHECK IF ANYONE ELSE IS HERE, BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD WANDER AROUND TOO MUCH. THIS PLACE GIVES ME THE HEEBIES.

HEY, STEVEN! I'M BACK!

HI, CONNIE! DID YOU HAPPEN TO TALK TO YOUR MOM?

FIRST... I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING TO EAT!

THANKS, BUT WHAT DID YOUR MOM SAY? IS MY DAD OKAY?

DID YOU BRING ME ANYTHING?

OH, SORRY. THERE'S JUST THE GREASY BAG.

THAT'LL DO.

JUST TAKE MY SANDWICH, AMETHYST! CONNIE? YOUR MOM? DID SHE SAY ANYTHING ABOUT DAD?

SHE SAID YOUR DAD AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO WAS AFFECTED WHEN THE HARMONY CORE WENT OFF ARE OKAY...FOR NOW.

THEY JUST HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO SNAP THEM OUT OF IT YET.

MOST TIMES I JUST BUBBLE A GEM AND SEND IT OFF. BUT THIS ONE...IT'S DIFFERENT SOMEHOW. IT FEELS LIKE, I HAVEN'T BUBBLED THE WHOLE THING OR SOMETHING...

IT'S OKAY, BUD! THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE: I'M AWESOME. YOU'RE AWESOME. TOGETHER, WE MAKE TEAM AWESOME, AND TEAM AWESOME--

--STICKS TOGETHER.

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN, STEVEN? HAS THE CORE GONE OFF AGAIN?

IT GOES OFF, BUT I ALWAYS RE-BUBBLE IT RIGHT AWAY. IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO HELP, BESIDES SIT HERE AND PLAY VIDEO GAMES.

YOU'RE PLAYING VIDEO GAMES?

LOOK, I GOT IT ALL WORKED OUT.

I MADE IT SO STEVEN'S GUY IN ***CREATURE COLLECTOR*** IS RUNNING AROUND IN A CIRCLE SO HIS CREATURE EGGS WILL HATCH. HE DOESN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING, AND--

WHOA!

HUMMMMMM

I CAN'T JUST KEEP DOING... NOTHING!

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE KNOCKED OUT?! I HAVE TO--

HEY, IT'S OKAY! DON'T GET WORKED UP!

WHAT ELSE AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

I THINK THE BEST THING FOR YOU NOW IS TO RELAX. THE CORE PROBABLY WON'T GO OFF AGAIN FOR A WHILE, SO SAVE YOUR STRENGTH FOR WHEN IT DOES.

YEAH, MAYBE THE BUBBLE WON'T POP, BUT YOU WILL IF YOU KEEP YOURSELF THIS WOUND UP.

BUT I CAN'T JUST...DO NOTHING!

NO ONE IS ASKING YOU TO! YOU DON'T THINK I'M FRUS-TRATED THAT I CAN'T HELP MORE?

YEAH, BUT--

LISTEN. CONNIE IS RIGHT. GARNET, PERIDOT, AND PEARL ARE AT THE TEMPLE LOOKING FOR CLUES. THE SECOND THEY FIND SOMETHING, YOU AND ME WILL BE FIRST OUT THE DOOR. BUT UNTIL THEN--

--WE JUST NEED TO CHILL OUT.

DING DONG

NO, STEVEN. JUST SIT BACK AND RELAX. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS, OKAY? TRUST ME.

OKAY, I TRUST YOU, CONNIE.

HEY! WE'RE JUST GOING AROUND CHECKING THAT EVERYONE'S OKAY.

STEVEN'S DAD WAS KNOCKED OUT, BUT HE'S WITH MY MOM AT THE HOSPITAL. THANKS!

NO WORRIES! GLAD YOU'RE OKAY. HEY, STEVEN, WE WERE ALL GONNA GET TOGETHER AT SADIE'S AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO ABOUT THE DEMO! HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!

SEE! YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY SO MUCH. JUST REST UP FOR NOW.

OKAY, RELAX. I CAN RELAX. IT'S EASY. JUST RELAX.

YEAH, WELL, I'M SURE STEVEN WILL RESCUE US.

WHO WAS THAT?! I'LL SAVE YOU!

WHERE--

HEY! YOU GUYS ARE HERE?!

STEVEN?!

AW, NO! STEVEN! DID IT GET YOU, TOO?

NO, I'M OKAY! I JUST...CHILLED OUT.

JUST LIKE I TAUGHT YOU!

WE'RE ALL WORKING REALLY HARD TO GET YOU BACK INTO YOUR BODIES!

I'M NOT WORRIED. I KNOW YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT.

HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE, ANYWAY? HOW ARE YOU GONNA GET OUT?

IF CHILLING OUT GOT ME IN...

MAYBE I JUST NEED TO CHILL OUT TO THE MAX TO GET OUT. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY SUNGLASSES?

I'M NO GEM EXPERT, BUT I'M NOT SURE THAT'LL WORK. BUT I LIKE THE IMPULSE!

I SHOULD GO BACK FOR NOW. I PROMISE I'LL COME BACK SOON, THOUGH!

DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO, SON.

HUMMMMMM

WAKE--

--UP.

WHOA!

HUMMMM

I GOT IT!

POP

GUYS! I WENT INSIDE THE CORE!

LIKE, IN THAT "DREAM WAY" THAT HAPPENS SOMETIMES, BUT IT'S NOT A DREAM? MY DAD WAS THERE.

YOU WENT INSIDE?! THAT'S INCREDIBLE! IS EVERYONE OKAY?

THEY'RE OKAY FOR NOW, BUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEIR BODIES? HOW LONG DO YOU THINK WE HAVE TO STOP THIS?

WE'LL FIGURE THAT OUT! BUT KNOWING YOU CAN CONNECT TO THEM IS A HUGE DEAL! SEE, YOU DID HELP.

THANKS, CONNIE.

VWOOP

HMMM.

HEY! STEVEN CONNECTED WITH THAT THING!

IT'S NOT A NORMAL GEM. WE FOUND AN INSCRIPTION ON THE TEMPLE THAT SAYS IT'S CALLED THE HARMONY CORE.

MAYBE IT CAN HELP US FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP IT! IT'S LIKE WHEN I SPOKE TO THE CLUSTER. EXCEPT, NOT REALLY. I FELT SOMETHING COMING FROM THE TEMPLE, A TON OF LITTLE GEMS.

I'M PROUD OF YOU ALL. WE BOTH FOUND OUT SOMETHING NEW. NOW, WE HAVE SOMETHING TO WORK WITH.

I THINK I SHOULD GO BACK IN! I COULD TRY TO FIND OUT MORE!

GARNET, WHAT IF SOMETHING WE DO ON THE OUTSIDE BREAKS THE CORE?

WHAT IF IT SHATTERS WHILE HE'S IN IT? THEN WHAT?

BUT WHAT IF IT DOES?

WELL, IF THIS IS HOME-WORLD TECH, THEN HIS CONSCIOUSNESS WOULD BE SPLIT ACROSS EACH SHARD, AND HIS GEM WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO RECOVER.

HA HA, DON'T BE SILLY, PERIDOT. NOTHING LIKE THAT WILL EVER HAPPEN TO STEVEN!

STEVEN AND I HAVE MANAGED TO HANDLE IT ALL AFTERNOON. I CAN TAKE CARE OF THE HUMAN SIDE OF THINGS WITH STEVEN. WE'RE A TEAM!

OH, MAN. SPEAKING OF HUMAN THINGS...I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO MEET WITH SADIE AND THE BAND ABOUT SOUR CREAM.

I CAN ROCK OUT REAL QUICK, AND THEN GET BACK IN TIME TO KICK THIS HARMONY CORE'S BUTT.

I KNOW YOU WON'T SOLVE IT UNTIL I GET BACK. YOU'RE HELPLESS WITHOUT ME.

TAKE CARE OF STEVEN FOR ME, OKAY?

I CAN'T DO THAT AGAIN. THAT WAS *NOT* A SUCCESSFUL MISSION.

DON'T WORRY. I GOT THIS, Y'ALL. I OWE PERIDOT FROM LAST TIME.

OKAY, STEVEN. I'LL TRUST YOU. BE CAREFUL.

STAY WITHIN THE ACCEPTABLE COLLATERAL DAMAGE LIMIT, AND IT WILL BE A SUCCESS!

FOR THE LAST TIME, WE DON'T HAVE AN 'ACCEPTABLE COLLATERAL DAMAGE LIMIT!'

NO ACCEPTABLE COLLATERAL DAMAGE LIMIT? YOU CRYSTAL GEMS ARE MERCILESS.

UGH.

SINCE SOUR CREAM'S KNOCKED OUT AND STEVEN'S BUSY, SHOULD WE JUST CALL OFF RECORDING THE DEMO?

WE WERE GOING TO RECORD IT WITH HIS STEP-DAD'S COUSIN, ANYWAY. WON'T THAT BE WEIRD WITHOUT HIM?

HE WOULD WANT US TO GO ON.

BUT, IF WE RECORD THE DEMO BEFORE HE RECOVERS, HE WON'T BE ON IT.

HE WOULD NOT WANT US TO GO ON.

WELL, I JUST THINK--

HEYYYY. WHATS UP? STEVEN SAID YOU GUYS NEEDED A RINGER. I'M HERE. I DON'T HAVE LONG SO LET'S GET TO THE ROCKIN'.

WAIT, ARE WE GOING TO PLAY? IS THAT A GOOD IDEA? LAST TIME WAS CRAZY.

WELL, I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS NEW SONG.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG DAY. IT WOULD BE FUN TO PLAY SOME TUNES.

LET'S DECOMPRESS BY ENGAGING IN AN EMOTIONALLY DEMANDING CREATIVE PROJECT.

OKAY, FOR THE GUITAR, I NEED LIKE-- SOMETHING CRUNCHY BUT FUN?

HOW'S THIS?

THAT IS FUN! I THINK THIS WOULD WORK FOR THE BASS.

YOU ALL SOUND GREAT BUT, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT DRUMS?

JUST KEEP GOING AND LET ME WORRY ABOUT THAT.

OKAY. LET'S TRY IT.

I SCARE MYSELF SO THE HURT IS REPLACED. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'VE LOST A FRIEND? WHILE YOU'RE OUT THERE SOMEWHERE IN SPACE

THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!

IT'S THREE AM, AND I'M READING SCARY STORIES ON THE INTERNET, AGAIN.

THERE'S NO MUSIC ON BUT MY EARBUDS ARE IN, TUNE OUT THE WORLD AND WHAT EVERYONE SAID!

THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!

JUST WANT SOMETHING SCARY TO GET LOST IN--

IT'S THREE A.M., AND I'M READING SCARY STORIES ON THE INTERNET IN BED.

THAT SOUNDED AWESOME.

AND VERY LITTLE PROPERTY DAMAGE!

THANK YOU! I KNOW STEVEN CAN'T BE HERE BECAUSE HE'S TRYING TO HELP SOUR CREAM, BUT THIS SAVES OUR BUTTS.

OH, NO SWEAT! A FRIEND OF STEVEN IS-- WELL, I DON'T KNOW. HE'S GOT SOME WEIRD FRIENDS.

I CAN'T WAIT TO GET THIS ON THE DEMO!

YEA! I'M GONNA RIP IT UP ON THERE.

WAIT-- IS STEVEN NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO RECORD, EITHER?

WHO KNOWS! GEM STUFF. BUT YOU GOT ME! AND I'M THE BEST, SO IT'S ALL GOOD!

OH, YEAH...

WELL, AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE TO SPEND TONIGHT CLEANING UP GUITAR SPLINTERS.

WAIT.

WEREN'T THERE MORE SENTRIES HERE LAST TIME?

IT DOES LOOK A BIT SPARSE.

SO, THE CORE'S WAVES ONLY AFFECT ORGANIC LIFE. BUT ALSO AFFECTS GEMS THAT TOUCH IT...

CLUNK

WHY WOULD YOU CREATE SOMETHING THAT WOULD SUBDUE THE INHABITANTS OF A PLANET AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY GEM TO STOP IT?

HUMMM

HHUMMMMMMMM

I THINK IT'S A PROTOTYPE COLONIZING DEVICE FROM BEFORE THE WAR. BUT THERE'S NO RECORD OF ONE EVER BEING USED ON EARTH.

SO, WHY DID IT GO OFF NOW?

GAH!

HOW ARE THEY WORKING?

THE PULSE OF THE CORE MUST BE GIVING THEM POWER.

WELL, IF THEY'VE BEEN GETTING BOOSTS OF POWER THERE'S NO TELLING HOW FAR THEY COULD HAVE--

WATCH OUT!

WHIRRR

HEY, YOU GUYS! THIS ISN'T WHAT I WAS MADE FOR! I CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO--

WHIRRR

CRUNCH

OH-HO-HO, CLOSE ONE, PERIDOT. BUT DON'T YOU WORRY NOW, MY WASABI PEA. SARDONYX IS HERE!

WITH THE MUSE FROM THE FUSE, EVERYTHING WILL BE A-OKAY.

WE SHOULD PROBABLY FIND OUT WHERE THE OTHER SENTRIES WENT. THEY COULD BE--

THE CORE... *STEVEN!*

HEY, STEVEN, I ROCKED OUT AT BAND PRACTICE. SO NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, AND--

STEVEN!

HANDS OFF, JERK!

OH, CRUD. STEVEN?!

HUMMM

COME ON, STEVEN! YOU GOT TO GET IT TOGETHER. WE NEED YOU!

I SHOULD HAVE COME BACK SOONER!

YOU DON'T GET A LOT OF TIME TO JUST...BE A KID. I THOUGHT I WAS HELPING BY GIVING YOU TIME TO CHILL!

MAN...WHAT DO I DO? I'M ALWAYS SO BAD AT THIS PART!

FIGURING STUFF OUT...THAT'S PEARL, AND GARNET, AND STEVEN STUFF. I'M NOT GOOD WITH MYSTERIES AND PUZZLES.

I'M MORE OF A FORCE-THE-PUZZLE-PIECES-TOGETHER KINDA GAL.

NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A GEM TOUCHES THIS THING...

...AND MAYBE IT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT YOU WOULD DO. BUT, IT'S WHAT I WOULD DO...

...FOR YOU!

HMMMMMM

THERE'S NOTHING HERE! I'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE. JUST EMPTY CAVE AFTER EMPTY CAVE.

IT'S A DEAD END. I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING USEFUL!

SOMETIMES, I WISH I WAS GARNET. SHE'S JUST SO STRONG. IT FEELS LIKE SHE CAN NEVER LOSE.

OR PEARL, SHE'S SO SMART AND GRACEFUL. SHE ALWAYS HAS A GREAT IDEA.

OR AMETHYST, SHE CAN TAKE ON ANYTHING. IT FEELS LIKE NOTHING CAN PHASE HER.

STEVEN! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. YOU HAVE TO GET BACK!

AMETHYST?! WHAT ARE YOU--

BUT--

NOW!!

STEVEN!!

WHAT HAPPENED?

I DON'T KNOW. I WAS IN THE CORE AND AMETHYST...

HUMMMMMMMM

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